GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3611
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2002
JUSTICE TO NEWS READERS
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news published in `Navbharat Times` dated August 15, 2002 regarding dismissal of news reader in Doordarshan Srinagar;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the action taken/being taken by the Government to dispense justice to the News readers in this regard;

(d) the reasons for dismissal of news-readers from services; and

(e) the time by which they are likely to be re-appointed ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Prasar Bharati has informed that the (11) eleven persons, mentioned in the newspaper report, had been engaged on casual basis and therefor the question of their dismissal and re-appointment does not arise. 4 (four) of these 11 (eleven) persons, who were working as `News Monitors`, continue to be with Regional News Unit at Srinagar, as CasualAssignees. The remaining (7) seven, had worked as `News Casters`. Some of them have moved to other organisations/locations. As a policy Doordarshan does not engage casual assignees for more than 10 days in a month.